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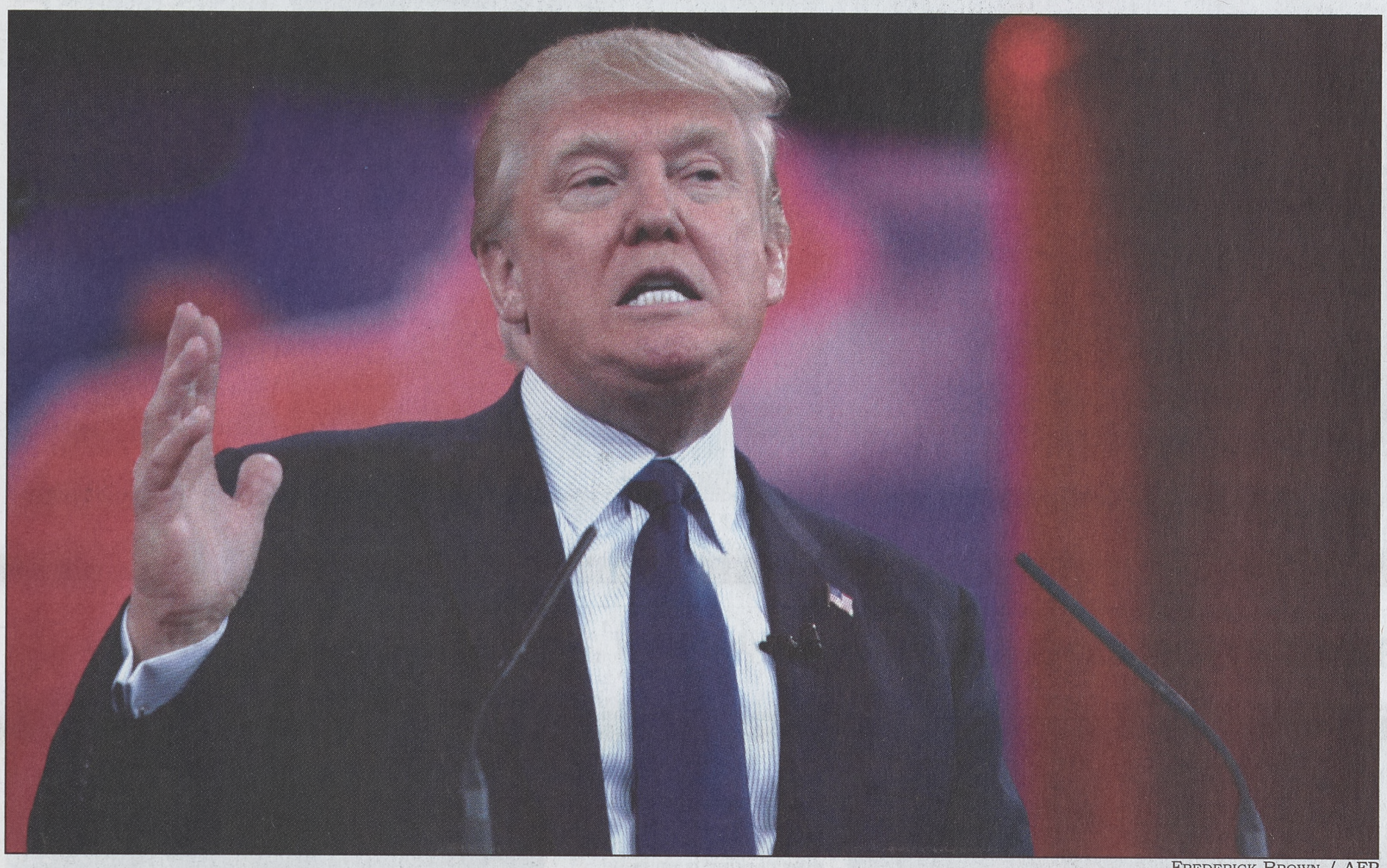
Donald John Trump wins the Presidency

■ **After a highly controversial campeign Donald John Trump becomes the next President of the United States of America.**



PRESIDENTIAL - President Donald Trump speaks at a rally to his dedicated supporters.

FREDERICK BROWN / AFP

BY SOLOMON SMITH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At press time multiple news agencies called Pensylvania for Donald Trump all but assuring his path to the White House as the next President of the United States. The upset comes as a shock in one of the closest races in U.S. history. This close race had come down to several key states; Wisconsin, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Michigan, among others yet to be reported. These states were supposed to be locked up for Clinton according to early polls, but Trump has proven to be more competitive than expected. Clintons loss of Florida early in the race, with 29 electoral votes going to Trump, was a stumbling block that was been difficult to overcome.

The significant changes are also coming down to areas as small as districts- Pensylvania has gone back and forth as districts are reported. Trading the lead positions has added to the difficulty in calling the election.

THe popular vote also seems to lean in Trumps favor with almsot one million more votes cast for him as of this reporting.

For many the choice is a hard one which is reflected in the polls. Hillary Clintons latest approval rating of 56 percent of Americans see her unfavorably, according to the latest Washington-Post-ABC News poll- a significant boost up from her historically low marks of 41 percent last July. Although Clinton still ranks higher than her Republican counterpart, who stands at 63 percent unfavorable, being the least unpalatable does not help her win over undecided voters. Clintons low favorability creates a narrower path to victory for her than the last Democratic candidate, President Barack Obama, who has recently gained in favorability with a 56 percent job approval rating according to a recent Gallup poll.

Trump's bombastic style and head butting with his own party has had very little effect on how his supporters feel about him. Many prominent Republicans had refused to add their support to his campaign during its infancy. Ted Cruz, who, during the Republican National Convention, refused to directly endorse Trump during a speech which lasted almost twenty minutes. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan openly condemned Trumps treatment of women, refused to campaign for him, and still endorsed Trump.

Clinton has also received her fair share of support from her side of the aisle. President Obama has stumped for her in key states talking directly about Trump uttering his popular, "Come on, man," in Ohio, last October.

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STUDENT MOBILITY - Students hopping off the bus at the Metro's Valley College Orangeline station.

Better mobility for students

■ **Students prefer affordable, realiable, and suitable transportation options.**

BY MELINDA HENRICKS
STAFF WRITER

College students are tech savvy, interested in the environment, love music and texting.

However, travel statistics illustrate that time, access, and convenience currently

outweigh those issues when it comes to transportation.

Transportation choices with multiple options are desired by students, trends indicate.

A survey conducted by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), with 1,000

students from around the country, indicates that transportation needs among millennials, ages 18-25,

and young adults, ages 25 to 35, are within one percentage point of each other.

APTA weekly use statistics indicate that student preferences include walking, at 79 percent, and driving, at 63 percent, as the top two modes of transportation. These are followed by train (45 percent), bus (43 percent), and bicycle (26 percent). Uber and Lyft are now dominating the taxi and ride sharing market and are gaining momentum. Although Valley College students also ride skateboards and motorcycles, they were not significant contenders, according to the association.

Moreover, 69 percent of students surveyed used a combination of the above services three times a week or more, with weekly use of other sources at 21 percent, thus reflecting the spontaneity and

flexibility that students often desire.

Valley Student Dustin Hamish, musician and sophomore, stated, "the L.A. bus sys-

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HBCU effortless admittance

■ **California community colleges sign a transfer agreement with HBCU's.**

BY KITIANNA ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

With a culturally diverse student body on campus, it shouldn't be a surprise that not everyone wants to attend an institution like University of California or Cal State Northridge, but maybe a school like Clark Atlanta University or Grambling State University.

The California Community College Historically Black Colleges and Universities Transfer program is a development of Transfer Guarantee Agreements that will help students transition smoothly from a California community college to partnered historically black colleges and universities. The agreements will make it easier for transfer students and reduce the need to take unnecessary courses, lessening the time for degree completion and saving money. Research has shown that there's a high percentage of students transferring to HBCUs but there's been difficulties in the past such as units not being accepted, issues with housing, and general communication with the institutions prior to transferring.

"I want there to be more awareness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In California, we're spoiled because we have all of these schools surrounding us but students should know they have options beyond what's here," said Helen Young, Project Director of the program.

The HBCU Transfer Agreement has also partnered with UC's to help those students who transfer to these institutions to come back to obtain their master's or doctorate degrees. With database sharing with those students, the UC system can easily recruit them. Young says HBCU's have quality education which helps the student not only have the chance of attending graduate school back in California but being recruited by big fortune 500 companies.

El Camino College was awarded a grant of $100,000 from California Community College Chancellor's Office to help fund the transfer program. An evaluation of the proposal that was put forth by counselors, articulation officers, and the EOP department from El Camino, happens twice a year to make sure goals are being met in order to receive more funding the following year. The grant will be renewed for the next five years after evaluation.

The agreement that was signed March 17, 2015, has partnerships with 21 institutions, which means that students are guaranteed transfer to those campuses if they complete academic requirements that are similar to the requirements by USC or CSU. Young stated that every year, between June and December, an application portal will open up for other HBCUs to submit their applications to join the program. The universities and colleges must meet certain criteria to be able to participate.

"Our student population doesn't always look for opportunities in other states, so I feel it is important for students to branch out and have experience of studying away from home and meeting other students from all over the United States," said Joyce Romero, a Los Angeles Valley College general counselor.

The program is being promoted by counselors within offices on Valley's campus during student appointments but of the Student Equity pro-

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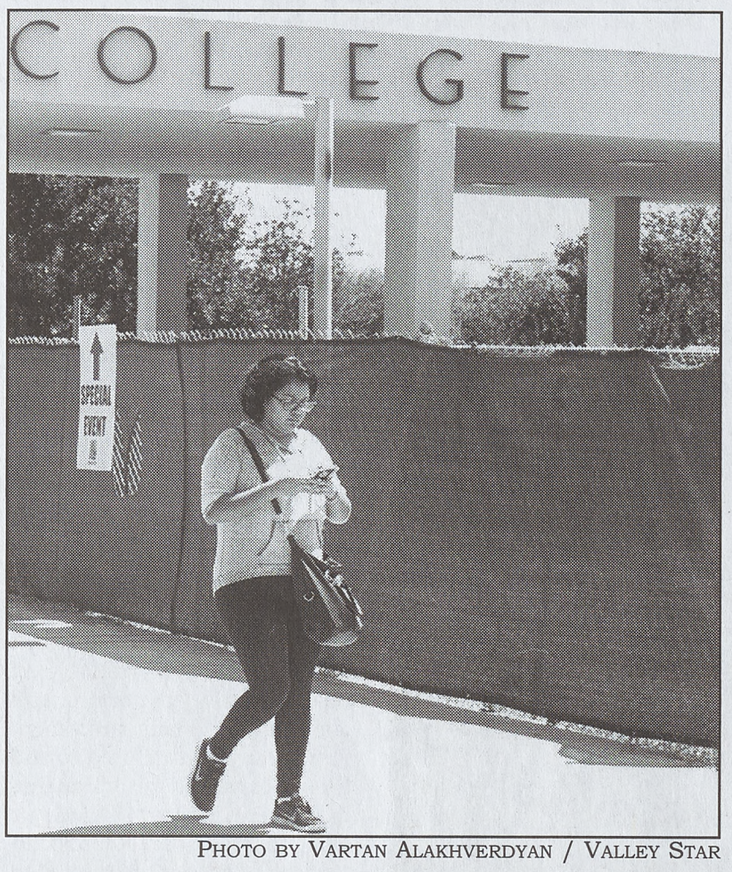
AA-Ts aim to cut graduation time for transfer students

■ **New degree created by California state legislature streamlines community college student entry into California State Universities.**



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BY BRENDA SALDANA AND GUADALUPE CASTRO
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Community College students around the state are now being offered an AA-T degree that guarantees priority registration and automatic junior standing in departments such as communication studies, journalism, art and sciences.

The AA-T degree stands for Associate in Arts for Transfer and it is a new program that benefits students in community colleges and facilitates the transferring process to any CSUs on a priority level. The degree consists of 60 transferable units that includes general-ed classes, major-preparation classes and electives.

Valley College, along with other community colleges, have acknowledged the amount of time that it is taking students to complete the necessary transferrable units. Some reports say that is taking students six to seven years to finish their bachelor's when it should only take four to five years. The AA-T degree establishes the classes that must be taken for priority acceptance at CSUs.

"This was a conception by the state legislature, it was not something that schools could determine," said Anne Gee a career/transfer counselor at Valley. "They wanted to provide more access for students and a guarantee for students to get out at specified time, as opposed to get there and being held to only certain requirements in order to qualify for graduation."

California Community Colleges have formed priority schedules for transfer associate degree students that are eligible. Students are first asked to submit their "petition to graduate" with an Associate of Arts/ Science Degree for Transfer at the community college the student is attending.

The community college will provide applicants with an official document that will indicate remaining requirements for the AA-T or AS-T degrees. A copy of the evaluation form must then be sent by the transfer applicant to each of the CSUs to which the student has applied. A final transcript that will show the completion of the Associate of Arts/ Science Degree will be sent by the student to the admissions office of the university of their choice.

Although the AAT degree is not yet available for every major, it emphasizes it is available in the art, history, psychology, science and journalism departments.

"I'm glad to hear about this program especially if it means graduating in less time," said Valley student Joshua Benavides. "I am an art major and I will definitely consider talking to my counselor about this degree and if it best suits me."

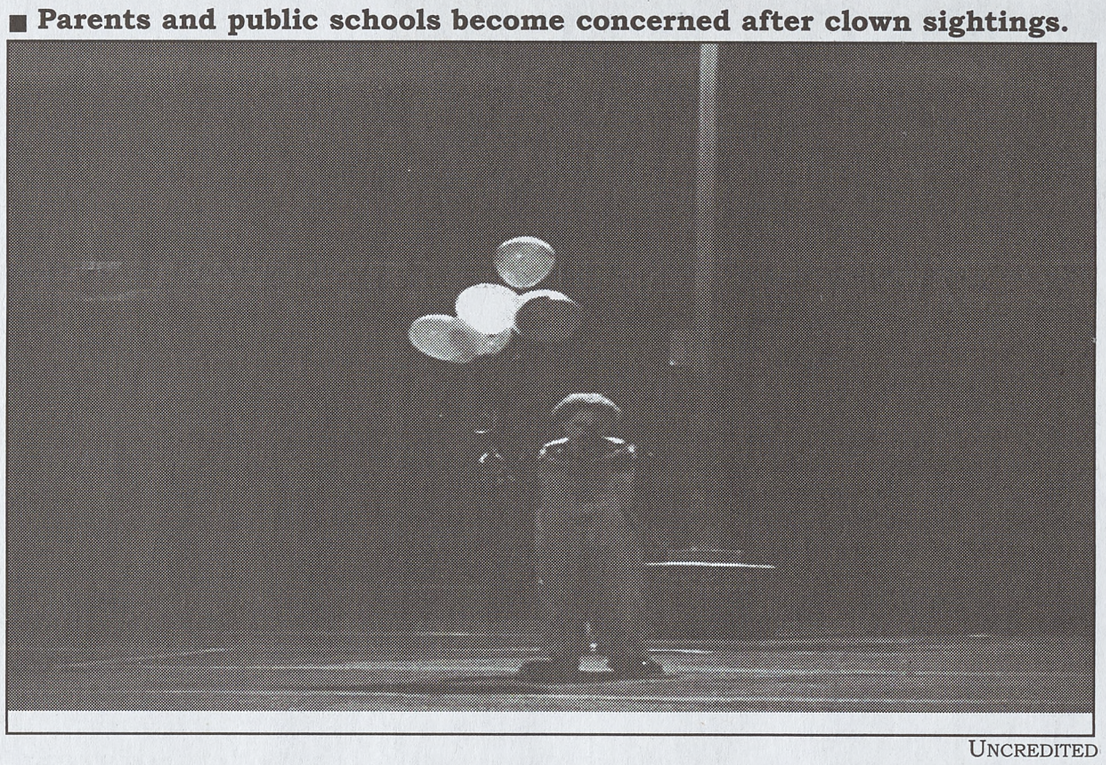
Campus officials said the AA-T degree is not for every student. The benefits that are offered may vary from department to department. The AA-T degree does require additional coursework to meet the lower-division requirements or to prepare the student for transfer.

"I am not sure, but I think it depends on what your situation is. I don't think it helps much, but it might be nice to have it to get a sense of accomplishment," said LAVC professor.

Students seeking the AA-T should consult their advisor for more information on available degrees and the CSU campuses that offer their major.

Clown prank goes too far

■ **Parents and public schools become concerned after clown sightings.**



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People dressed as clowns harassing children and frightening adults started off as a mere prank, but has now has become no joking matter.

In October of 2014, pictures circulated on the Internet of a mysterious clown roaming the streets of Wasco, California. Seeing the painted-white faced ghoul on the familiar streets of their town not only spooked citizens, but frightened them once more sightings were reported--this time with weapons.

However, the Wasco Clown was found but had wanted to keep his identity a secret so he was interviewed anonymously Where? When?. He revealed that the social media postings were part of a year long photo project he and his wife were conducting to be released one photo per month. The Wasco Clown stated that he "has not chased anyone nor threatened anyone or any of the bad things that are being said about what copycats are doing." (where did he say this? On a website?)

As of Oct. 4, the "copycat clowns" have been spotted once again. The clowns threatened the Sacramento, Vallejo, and Fairfield public schools. ABC 7 News reported that a clown was also accused of trying to kidnap a 1-year-old girl, but no arrests were made. The mom said the clown tugged on the girls arm after approaching them at a Denny's in Concord, California.

Close to home, the clowns have been spotted in Lancaster in early October. Authorities reported that men wearing "ugly-looking clown" masks and were using a kitchen knife to frighten people, then videotaping their reactions. Sheriff's Deputies said the suspects were only trying to scare the victims, but they are keeping an eye out for real possible danger.

Finally, these copycat clowns have reached Los Angeles on October 6. Residents in Los Angeles County reported seeing two people wearing clown masks, possibly holding kitchen knives. The clowns are now targeting elementary and high schools.

In fact, many schools across the United States such as Waukegan Community School in Illinois and Grady High School in Atlanta, have been forced into lockdown amid claims that people dressed as clowns were hiding in the shadows.

Erwin Elementary school in Van Nuys called parents stating that after hearing many children express fear and worry over the clown incidents, that they are getting in touch with LAPD.

Marco Bernal, a psychology major at Valley College said, "I'm a horror fan so the clown scare sounded awesome at first until there were reports of them with real weapons. I have a younger sister who will be out and I want her to be safe."

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tem is terrific. I can get anywhere in 30 minutes." Although Hamish recently purchased a vehicle, he used public transportation for 12 years and says he would take the bus or train whenever parking is an issue.

Freshman Angela De Leon said, "I don't have a car and I use the train and bus all the time. I prefer

the train but use the bus more often." Angela also said she is happy with the service and does

not end up walking too far to the stops.

During leisure time, weather permitting, or when time is not of the essence, bicycling is becoming a major player among health and lifestyle conscious students, with many bicycling to the train or bus stop.

Further, the APTA survey found more than 50 percent of all students own or have access to a vehicle, with an additional 15 percent planning to buy or lease one in the next two years.

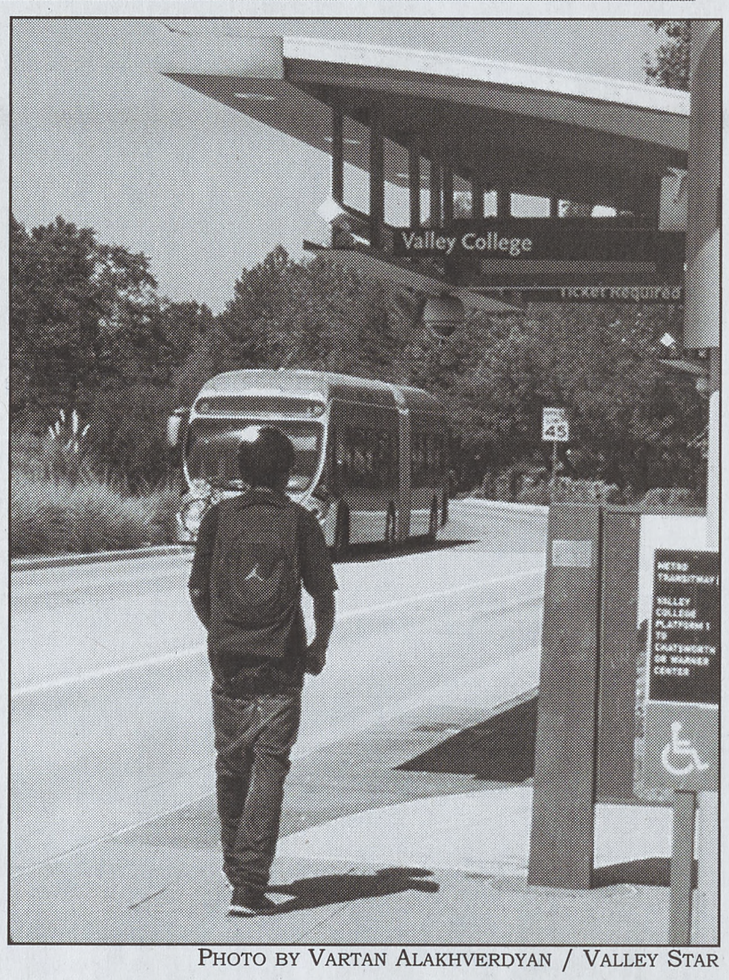
Like their peers polled across the country, Valley College students in Los Angeles County want subway and bus options that provide user-friendly, on-time, reliable service, and Wi-Fi access while traveling.

Of additional concern to students, is the distance from riders' homes to available stops, and time

constraints regarding transfers during the scheduled trips. These are the top concerns and complaints noted in the APTA survey.

In the San Fernando Valley, Metro faces daunting and perhaps insurmountable odds fulfilling these

needs because unlike other areas, the Valley has sprawling communities spread out over many miles.



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Adding more convenient stops and improving services may help, but finding funds and solutions remains a tedious and committed task.

A separate random survey of Valley College students underscored the findings of the national student transportation survey, but also found that issues such as transferring to multiple buses, lack of stops, safety after dark, and convenience. to be major drawbacks of local public transportation. Why ride when you have access to a car?

Interestingly, those same students said they would use public transportation to go to the Coliseum to see a game because "the savings are too good to pass up," one of them said.

"...the savings are too good to pass up."
-Valley College Student

This clearly indicates that students have their price; it is simply a matter of finding out exactly what that price is while considering time and comfort as well as providing convenience and value.

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gram is also promoting this opportunity to students on campus. Young explained that there's "not that kind of money" for advertisement but hopes that counselors throughout LACCD share this information with students. Mia Miller, former secretary of Valley's Black Student Union, said that she wasn't aware of the HBCU Transfer agreement but feels that it should be shared more around campus.

"It'll make it easier for students to transfer to those schools because now they're aware of another option that they didn't know was available before," said Miller.

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key states talking directly about Trump uttering his popular, "Come on, man," in Ohio, last October.

When commenting about Trump's relationship with the working class Obama stated, "If a guy's spent 70 years on this earth showing no regard for working people, there's no record that he's supported (the) minimum wage or supported collective bargaining, invested in poor communities, and then suddenly he's going to be the champion of working people? Come on."

Even Hollywood and the music industry loaned their star power in an effort to bump the popularity of Clinton. Monday night a concert with performers like Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, and lady Gaga was held in New York as a last ditch effort to whip up Clinton support. Impassioned speeches and star power may not be enough to help Clinton maintain her declining lead in the polls.

Valley College annual screening showcases student films

Annual student film screening hosted by the Media Arts Department featured the work of Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Cinema and Media Arts students.

BY COURTNEY MELOCHE
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, October 22, students, faculty, family, and friends packed Valley College's Music Recital Hall to take in an evening of films by Cinema and Media Arts students.

The student film screening is an annual event that, according to Cinema 101 professor Arantxa Rodriguez, is a "very long tradition."

"I've been doing them for 19 years," she said, "but they did it before me."

The evening kicked off with the "one minute movies" by the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Cinema 101 classes, followed by pieces from the Spring 2016 Media Arts 101 class. The event was capped off with the more advanced pieces by the Fall 2015 Cinema 123 class.

"We are excited and thrilled to have our students' work shown to the public," said Eric J. Swelstad, Chair of the Media Arts department. "We're happy to provide a venue for them."

The films fell under a variety of genres—horror, fantasy, action, comedy, and more. Some of the many themes covered included relationship issues, current affairs (the election, ISIS), LGBT issues, black magic, and even a comedic piece about creative uses for The Los Angeles Times.

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FUTURE FILM MAKERS-Media arts instructor Chad Sustin greets students and guests at the Annual Media Arts Screening where student films were the stars of the show.

"We have 80 films in the program and each of them represents the individual filmmaker and their distinctive point of view," said Rodriguez. "It's like a mosaic of themes and characters and stories. We're lucky to have such a diverse group of students."

While the students were excited to have their pieces showcased in front of an audience, some went into the screening feeling on edge.

"I'm kind of nervous for the feedback I'm going to get from my peers," admitted Timothy L Quirus, whose whimsical fantasy "May You Have Goodness" was shown in the first block.

"I had shot some stuff before starting college," Quirus continued. "I took Cinema 101 with Professor Rodriguez in Fall 2015 and I had the privilege of doing the one minute movie. Prior to this class I had an idea of what filmmaking was, but the class gave me the tools to grow to be a better filmmaker. I took on a really aggressive shoot. We shot from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. I had about 20 people on my set. It was a lot but I got it done. It was a great experience."

The films received a positive reaction from the audience come the end of the evening.

"I thought they were really good," said student Caroline Torres. "A few were funny."

"It's fun to watch people make these things themselves," added Chris Addis, a post-production professional who has attended classes as a guest speaker. "[The films are] more ambitious than when I was in college. These guys have access to green screens, which is cool!"

While the screening has been held in the Music Recital Hall in recent years, it will soon be finding a new home.

"We thank the music department for letting us use their facility," said Swelstad, before adding that "in less than two years we'll be doing this in our new building."

Raza Education expanded

Valley celebrates the addition of a Chicano Studies associate degree with an inaugural celebration on Dia de la Raza.

BY PAUL ROSENBUSCH
STAFF WRITER

Two guest speakers came to discuss the importance of heritage, history, and education and how they used their degrees in Chicano Studies to find careers that satisfy their personal and professional needs.

Raza Education, the Inaugural Celebration for the new Chicano Studies Associate Degree, filled Monarch Hall to the brim as Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and Monica Garcia both spoke and held a panel allowing students to ask about how they can use the new program to their benefit.

"We chose today because, historically, Mexico and other Latin American countries celebrate Dia De La Raza on October 12th, and we thought it would be appropriate that we celebrate and commemorate this day because it's a 500-year history that we are discussing in Chicano Studies," announced Professor Peter Lopez.

The event was sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union, as well as the Equity and Chicano Studies programs, and brought over 200 students and faculty into Monarch Hall midweek.

Wednesday, October 12th, celebrated by Latin American cultures as Dia de la Raza, is the day that Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas after sailing across the Pacific from Spain.

Peter Lopez, a professor of Sociology and Chicano Studies at Valley College, introduced the distinguished guests of honor, Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and Monica Garcia, who both majored in Chicano Studies.

"It is a wonderful interdisciplinary degree that serves as a foundation for people who want to get involved with any realm of life," explained Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, the Chancellor of LACCD. "If you want to make an impact in this society, this is the perfect major for you."

Dr. Rodriguez grew up in the Mission District of San Francisco and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Chicano Studies at University of California Davis.

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GUEST SPEAKERS- Dr. Francisco Rodriguez and Monica Garcia speak about the benefits of Chicano Studies.

"When I hear the words 'Chicano Studies,' I feel empowered, liberated, and invited to become a better and stronger person," said LAUSD board member Monica Garcia.

"What I think about most is self-determination and liberation, to be the America we all learned about in History."

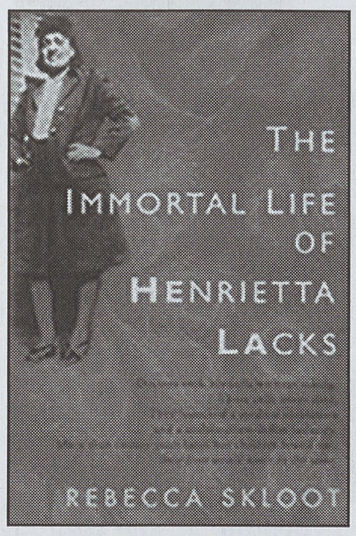
Raised in East Los Angeles to immigrant parents, Ms. Garcia graduated with a dual-major bachelor degree in both Chicano Studies and Political Science, and was elected to the LAUSD board in 2006.

Both guest speakers emphasized the importance of their Chicano Studies degree, and how it helped them overcome boundaries that exist for underprivileged people of all colors in America.

"We've reached Critical Mass. There's no turning back now, we can't fix the past, but we can fix what's here now," said Professor Lopez in the closing statement.

One Book program highlights ethics, race in the classroom

The One Book, One College program is an effort to create a shared experience for students and faculty by using a single book in a variety of classrooms.



COURTESY OF CROWN BOOKS

BY VERA LEVI
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

According to the Library of Congress, the "One Book" concept was initiated by the Washington Center for the Book in 1998. The program has since been established, under various names, in hundreds of communities and colleges nationwide.

While the goals of each program vary, the methodology is the same: recruit people with different backgrounds and experiences to contemplate and discuss a particular book during a specific period of time. It could be considered a community wide (or campus wide) book discussion club.

The goals of the program at Valley are to establish opportunities for creativity, scholarship, critical thinking and academic dialogue.

" THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS TELLS A RIVETING STORY OF ETHICS, RACE, AND MEDICINE." - REBECCA SKLOOT

The program was approved in the middle of the spring 2016 semester, with Professor Michelle Lewis as the program coordinator. Two books were considered for the position of finalist, Southland and The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks; the latter was selected.

Written by Rebecca Skloot, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks tells a riveting story of ethics, race, and medicine," states the author's official website, Rebeccaskloot.com, which goes on to say:

"It's research, reportage, the ethical issues it has raised, and its unique relevance to a wide range of disciplines from the arts and sciences to law, medicine, anthropology, African American Studies, and more, the book has been used in thousands of classrooms and teaching programs around the country."

The book is about a woman named Henrietta Lacks, a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells were taken without her knowledge in 1951. They had been kept alive and used for all sorts of research, such as in vitro fertilization and gene mapping. Twenty years after launching a medical revolution and a multi-million-dollar industry, Lacks' children discovered the truth and sought answers about a mother they never knew.

Lewis, program coordinator, played a role in the decision to select the book.

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, by Rebecca Skloot, made it to the very top," Lewis said.

Many professors are using the book, so students can expect to see it in the following classes:

Anthropology, environmental science, biology, health, kinesiology, history, political science, sociology, English, ESL, broadcasting and art.

There will be a One Book, One College event coming to Monarch Hall Nov.29. All students are encouraged to attend. "A poster session, videos, PowerPoint presentations and live performances are expected to be part of the event," Lewis said. "All student work is welcome."

SPORTS

Monarchs march to Santa Barbara with a perfect 9-0 mark and are first in the polls

■ **The Monarchs remain perfect with an 9-0 mark on the season as they march their way toward a flawless record.**

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INTENSE PLAY - A touchdown run for the Monarchs contributing to thier 9-0 record of the season.

BY EMIL CLAES
STAFF WRITER

All the votes that matter are in, and the Valley College football team is number 1.

Thanks to Saturday's win against Citrus College, 61-27, the Monarchs are the only team undefeated in the Western Conference and are number 1 in the California Community College Athletic Association and the California Community College Football Coaches Association polls.

The Monarchs allowed the Citrus Owls to take an early 7-0 lead but answered back when Darian Albrecht scored on a 25-yard run to tie the game. On their next possession, Valley quarterback Chris Jorgensen connected with the receiver Ahkil Crampon on a 67-yard pass play that put valley up 14-7. Devin Floyd also got into the action with a 71-yard scoring run with Chris Phillips and Terell Flanigan also found the end zone. The Monarchs poured on the points from there and never looked back.

It was a different start for the Monarchs on Oct. 29 when they faced the Antelope Valley College Marauders.

Twenty-sevent seconds into the game, the Monarchs served notice that the Marauders were not going to ruin their perfect record.

Valley scored on its opening drive on a 9-yard pass from Christian Jorgenson to Chris Phillips to give the Monarchs a 7-0 lead. The Monarchs would score 31 more points and the defense would limit Antelope Valley to 7 points for a final score of 38-13.

On their second possession, the Monarchs used the ground game to cap off an eight play, 61-yard drive. Chris Phillips carried the ball the final 6 yards to the end zone and put the Monarchs up 14-0.

Valley added another touchdown in the second quarter before Antelope Valley finally got on the board. The home team scored on Blake Shepherd's 19-yard pass to Donte Ross, the Marauders' top scorer. The Monarchs led 14-7 at the half.

The Monarchs came out the second half with the same intensity as they showed in the first half by adding three more scores: an 11-yard touchdown run by Trevor Laurent, a 27-yard field goal by Rodolfo Oliveros and an electrifying 83-yard punt return by Ahkil Crumptons.

With less then five minutes left in the game, Marauder defenseman LeBon Fisher intercepted a pass from Jorgenson and ran it all the way back for a 75-yard touchdown, ending the scoring for the night.

The undefeated Monarchs are headed to Santa Barbara for a Nov. 12 match up against Santa Barbara City College for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

GALLERY

Aztec dancers celebrated Dia De Los Muertos Wednesday in Monarch Hall as part of the college's Latino Heritage celebration. In addition, student built alters, which is part of celebrating Mexico's most famous holiday.
Tradition says that families build alters in their homes the week leading up to Nov. 1 as a way to celebrate and remember loved ones who have passed to the other side. Dia De Los Muertos celebrations have become popular in the United States as a way to honor and better understand Mexican culture. The day has also become so popular that many countries around the world celebrate it.

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